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## Global Mission Partner



Congratulations to **Southeast Conference** for Becoming a Global Mission Partner. The Southeast Conference has received a letter of thanks from Cally Rogers-Witte and Jan Aerie of Global Ministries thanking us for our action of voting to become a Global Mission Partner Conference.



## Resolution to Become a Global Missions Conference Adopted at Annual Meeting

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit." – Matthew 28:19*

At the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference on 6/11/11, in Atlanta, GA, the body adopted the resolution to become a Global Mission Conference.

### What does this mean?

It means that the Southeast Conference commits to an action plan where it...

1. **PRAYS** regularly for partners, missionaries and the world;
2. **EDUCATES** its members about global issues from preschool age to adult;
3. **SEEKS JUSTICE** for the "least of these" in the international community;
4. **RECEIVES** the gifts of the global church;
5. **GIVES** to the work of global mission;
6. **SENDS** its members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus;
7. **GROWS** in sharing the story of God's mission with others; and
8. **IMPLEMENTS** this resolution through a body appointed by and accountable to the SEC Board of Directors.



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the SEC Board of Directors.

Since 1996, the United Church of Christ has joined with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world via Common Global Ministries. We continue to support 270 partners in 68 countries as they recover from disasters, heal the sick, educate their children, and prepare for ministry.



However, we never go into a country to change the culture, to Americanize, or to "civilize". As Conference Minister Tim Downs said at the Annual Meeting, we go in to "partner rather than to proselytize." We seek to support ministers – lay, licensed and ordained – as they meet needs within their

own culture in whatever way that Holy Spirit calls them.

In the same way, we accept the spiritual gifts that other cultures have to offer us. Right here in the U.S., we have received gifts of our global partners as we recovered from Hurricane Katrina, Midwest floods and Southeast tornadoes. We have received messages of encouragement and assurance of the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as volunteer and financial assistance.

Associate Conference Minister Kathy Clark and Wider Church Ministries Board member Marcia Bentley researched and prepared the resolution for submission. After having been signed by our Conference Minister and Conference Moderator Ginny Nixon, the resolution was submitted to Jan Aerie, Executive for Mission Education and Interpretation, in the national UCC office in Cleveland.

To see the entire resolution, visit the following [link on the Conference website](#):

Local congregations are urged to take on this commitment as well.

[Visit Global Ministries website](#) for further information about becoming a Global Mission Church.

Photos on this page represent -

1) President of Yanjing Seminary, Dr. Gao Ying, with Dr. Xiaoling Zhu, East Asia Secretary for Global Ministries. Yanjing Seminary receives generous support from the UCC (right).



2) A church in China in Henan Province which is a partner in mission through Global Ministries. (left)

Our commitment to Global Ministries – through our contributions to OCWM and OGHS, as well as the gifts of our own time, talents and love – will show the world that we in the UCC strive to live out the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:20 – "that they may all be one."

– speech given by Marcia Bentley at the SEC 2011 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

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